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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, together with English-language abstracts, are enclosed.

The listed documents were cited in an Official Action in a corresponding Japanese application. A copy of the Japanese Official Action, which is dated July 24, 2006, is enclosed.

WO 00-66789, which was cited in the April 11, 2005 Information

Disclosure Statement, is believed to be in the same patent family as Japan 2002-542808.

Japan 11-187900 and the Applied and Environmental Microbiology article,

which are listed in the Japanese Official Action, were previously cited in the subject

application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of

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